

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 926

By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michael Thomas
Finnern, Jr., 2002 Salutatorian of Bartlett High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Thomas Finnern, Jr. is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Bartlett High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Finnern has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Mr. Finnern has earned numerous honors and awards, including the Principal's Honor Roll and The First Tennessee Bank Freshman of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Mr. Finnern possesses tremendous athletic ability, having participated on the high school wrestling, track and football teams, earning numerous honors and awards, including the 1999 Regional Track Championship, the 1999 Regional Football Championship, 1999 Football State Semifinalists, the 2000 Regional Football Championship, and First Place in weightlifting competition for the power-clean; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among his peers; Mr. Finnern has served as Class President all four years of high school and is active in numerous scholastic organizations, including the Impact Bible Club, the Spanish Club, the Spanish National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Club, the National Beta Club, the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Unisex and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community as an Eagle Scout, Mr. Finnern participates in numerous community service organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Spirit Links, the Appalachia Service Project, Youth Leadership Bartlett, the Porter-Leath Charity, Bellamy Baskets, the Special Olympics and numerous activities assisting needy families; and

WHEREAS, a young man of impeccable character, Mr. Finnern is an integral part of his church's youth group and the Crossroads Youth Choir; and

WHEREAS, Michael Thomas Finnern, Jr.'s display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finnern's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Finnern's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor 2002 Bartlett High School Salutatorian, Michael Thomas

Finnern, Jr., on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.